



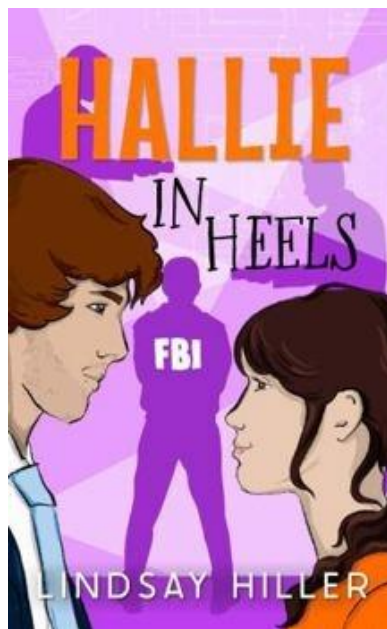
The Quills Awards

For Published Texts

Winners announced at the Quills Conference
Awards Ceremony August 8, 2026

Diamond Quill Winner 2026

Lindsay Hiller
"Hallie in Heels"
(TypeWriters)



Middle-Grade Novels:

- Gold Quill: Jill Ammon Vanderwood "The Unkindness Club: Purdy Franklin Mysteries #1" (Utah Kid Lit)
- Silver Quill: Linda Peterson "Canine Z" (Typewriters Farmington)

Young Adult Novels:

- Gold Quill: J.D Penndagger "The Always Train" (Salt City Genre Writers and Good AF Writers)
- Silver Quill: Johnny Worthen "Things Revealed" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Quill: Haley Bono "Killed By True Love's Kiss"

Novellas & Novelettes:

- Gold Quill: Bryan Young "Shadowrun: Cortex Bomb" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Silver Quill: Gale Sears "Brilliant"
- Bronze Quill: C.W. Allen "The Hound of Castle Elsinore" (Utah KidLit and Utah Freelance Editors)

Adult Novels:

- Gold Quill: C.R. Langille "The Worms Shall Feast" (Romance)
- Silver Quill: Pat Partridge "Buried at Bears Ears" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Quill: Claudine DiScala "When Mountains Crumble" (Write On St. George)

Nonfiction:

- Gold Quill: Sharon Spaulding "Women Make History: Fifty-Three Stories of Courage, Strength & Resilience" (Sandy/Holladay Wordcraft)
- Silver Quill: Sue Fullmer "More Spiritual than Religious, A Journey into Past Lives and Metaphysical Mysteries" (Write On)
- Bronze Quill: Kim Oswalt "Abiding with God" (Blue Quill)

Collections:

- Gold Quill: Inna V. Lyon "Bewitchery: Tales of Love and Magic" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Quill: Steve Capone, Jr. "Dread Mondays: A Whisper House Press Horror Anthology" (Salt City Genre Writers, Screenwriters, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Quill: Steve Capone, Jr. "Costs of Living" (Salt City Genre Writers, Screenwriters, and Infinite Monkeys)



The Palette Awards

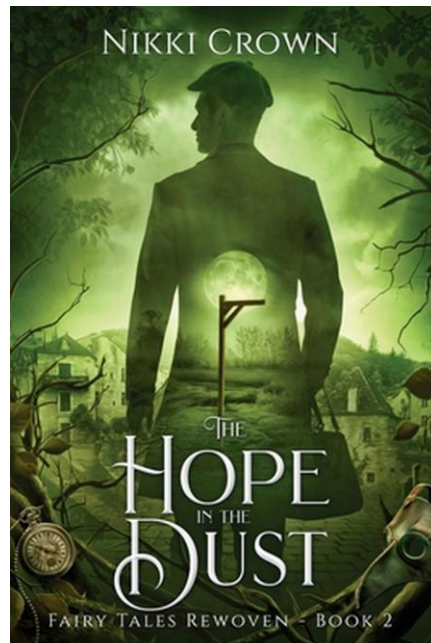
Book Cover Contest

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Lapis Lazuli Award

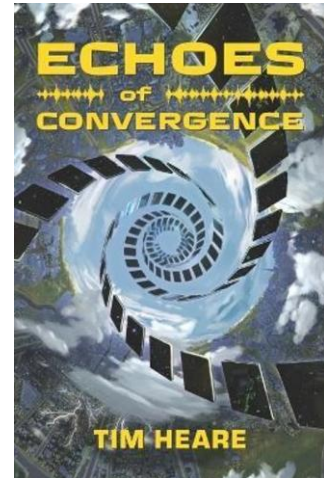
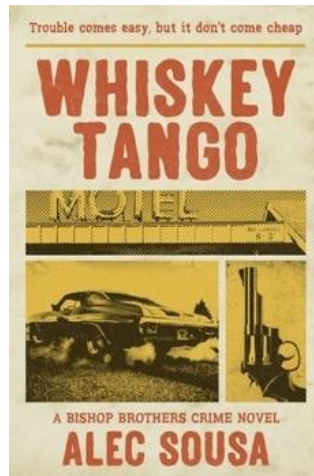
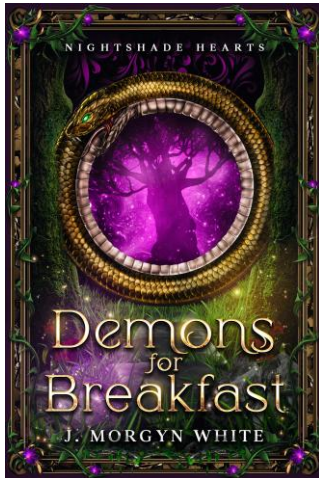
Nikki Crown

"The Hope in the Dust"
(Celebrate Writers)



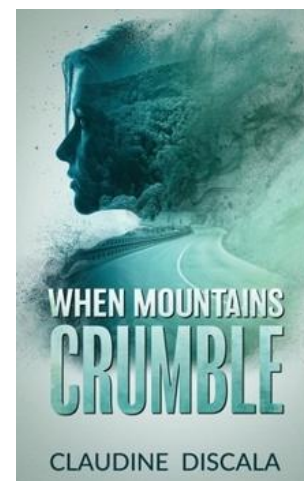
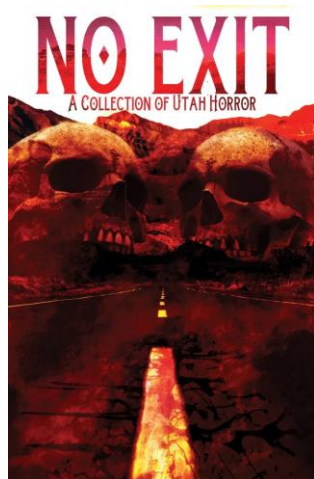
Independent Publications:

- Gold Palette: J. Morgyn White "Demons For Breakfast" (Romance)
- Silver Palette: Alec Sousa "Whiskey Tango" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Bronze Palette: Tim Heare "Echoes of Convergence" (TypeWriters)



Traditional Publications:

- Gold Palette: C.R. Langille "No Exit: A Collection of Utah Horror" (Romance)
- Silver Palette: Claudine DiScala "When Mountains Crumble" (Write On St. George)





The Typewriter Awards

For Published Creative Writing

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Emerald Typewriter Winner 2026

Inna V. Lyon
"I am a Pencil"
(Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)

Comic Book

- Gold Typewriter: Rachael Bush "Botany for Everyone: Wood and Bark" (Blue Quill)

Flash Fiction

- Gold Typewriter: C.R. Langille "I Know You're In Here" (Romance)
- Silver Typewriter: Elizabeth Hanna "She Never Came" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Bronze Typewriter: Inna V. Lyon "GPS and Other Priorities" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)

Media Article

- Gold Typewriter: Mayte Mata Sivera "Executive presence vs. authenticity: Do women have to choose one or the other?" (Just Write)
- Silver Typewriter: Brandy Woolley Green "The Obituary of Moses Exodus Green" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Bronze Typewriter: David Rodeback "How to Solve the NBA's Tanking Problem" (Good AF Writers, Utah KidLit, and Celebrate Writers)

Nonfiction

- Gold Typewriter: Amari Rodriguez "All Those Who Love" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Typewriter: Natasha Endito "Grandma's Garden" (Wasatch Back Writers)
- Bronze Typewriter: Tiffany Anderson "3 Key Concepts for Improved Health" (Salt City Genre Writers)

Poetry

- Gold Typewriter: Katrina McPheters "Eve's Apple" (Typewriters Farmington)
- Silver Typewriter: C. H. Lindsay "Witchy Weather" (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Typewriter: Natasha Endito "When Mama Cooks" (Wasatch Back Writers)

Short Story

- Gold Typewriter: Pat Partridge "The Groom" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Typewriter: Steven McDonald "Cafe Terrace" (Infinite Monkeys and Salt Lake City Genre Writers)
- Bronze Typewriter: Ragan Fry "Companion Gardening" (Utah Freelance Editors, Utah KidLit, and Oquirrh Writers)



The Olive Woolley Burt Awards

For Creative Writing

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New Voices Categories

New Voices: Nonfiction

- First Place: Claudia Vincent "The Ladies" (Write On St. George)
- Second Place: Claudia Vincent "Soldiers, Students and Storytellers: A Braided Essay" (Write On St. George)
- Third Place: Rosy Grimaud "Going Home" (Salt City Genre Writers)

New Voices: Poetry

- First Place: Ellery Ross "God I Hate Spring" (Unaffiliated)
- Second Place: Dacrai Lorian "Black Hole Sun" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Madeline Doiron "To the Son I Forgot" (Infinite Monkeys)

New Voices: Fiction

- First Place: Claudia Vincent "The Peppermint Dance" (Write On St. George)
- Second Place: Andrea J. Garland "Art Lovers" (Salt City Scribes)
- Third Place: Molly Walker "A Stone's Throw" (Just Write)

New Voices: First Chapter

- First Place: Randy Eggert "Confessions of a Little Brother" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Second Place: Cassandra Morin "Angels Unaware" (Wasatch Back Writers and Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Olga Gromadzka "Cheddar (chapter 1) lay. offs." (Salt City Scribes and Salt City Genre Writers)

Non-Member Category

Non-Member

- First Place: Deb DiTomaso "A Shift in the Sand" (Non-member)
- Second Place: Tamara LoSasso "Everything We Used to Have" (Non-member)
- Third Place: Jessica Aure Pratt "Contrapuntal On Liminal Sentience" (Non-member)

Established Writers Categories

Flash Fiction

- First Place: Ragan Fry "How to Say Goodbye" (Utah Freelance Editors, Utah KidLit, and Oquirrh Writers)
- Second Place: Ragan Fry "The Newlyweds" (Utah Freelance Editors, Utah KidLit, and Oquirrh Writers)
- Third Place: Jef R Huntsman "Down the Drain" (Red Butte Bards)

First Chapter Adult

- First Place: J. A. Wood "Of Dragons and Other Weeds" (Unaffiliated)
- Second Place: Amy Claire Tate "ABSENT EVEN IN ITS PRESENCE"
- Third Place: Inna V. Lyon "Beanery Queens" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)

First Chapter YA, Middle Grade & Children's

- First Place: Jennifer Monsen "The Things in the Woods" (Just Write)
- Second Place: Emily Miner "Evan and the Sand Witch" (TypeWriters)
- Third Place: Megan Condie "City of Fallen Walls" (Blue Quill)

Literary Fiction

- First Place: Jakob Tice "The Mystery of Chi" (Nebo Novelists)
- Second Place: Aren K. Hatch "Carnival Fish" (Unaffiliated)
- Third Place: Bryan Young "Cinema Verite" (Salt City Genre Writers)

Narrative Non-Fiction

- First Place: Jakob Tice "Macho Ballet" (Nebo Novelists)
- Second Place: Sharman Ober-Reynolds "Something Worth Fighting For" (Just Write)
- Third Place: Ragan Fry "Single Wide" (Utah Freelance Editors, Utah KidLit, and Oquirrh Writers)

Horror

- First Place: Jackie Gommess "Song of the Swamp" (Blue Quill)
- Second Place: Caryn Larrinaga "The Witchin Tree" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Jackie Gommess "Obsession to Beast" (Blue Quill)

Romance & Thriller

- First Place: Johnny Worthen "The Call" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Linda Peterson "Hummingbird" (Typewriters Farmington)
- Third Place: Randy Eggert "The Grammarist and the Case of the Missing Trophy" (Salt City Genre Writers)

Nonfiction

- First Place: Megan Condie "The Sins of the Child" (Blue Quill)
- Second Place: Inna V. Lyon "Counting Airplanes" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Pat Partridge "Evil" (Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry: Freeform & Slam

- First Place: Katrina McPheters "Mother & Daughter" (Typewriters Farmington)
- Second Place: Talysa Sainz "Special Gray" (Utah Freelance Editors)
- Third Place: Michael Shoemaker "The Gift of a Lane" (Blue Quill)

Poetry: Haiku

- First Place: Jef R Huntsman "After the Rain" (Red Butte Bards)
- Second Place: Elizabeth Hanna "Community" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Elizabeth Hanna "Career" (Salt City Genre Writers)

Poetry: Light Verse

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay "Summertime Snoozes" (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Debra Birdwell Winkler "The Baby and the Butterfly" (Romance)
- Third Place: David Rodeback "That Time When a Friend Gave a Friend One of Those English Lordships He Bought on the Internet" (Good AF Writers, Utah KidLit, and Celebrate Writers)

Poetry: Narrative Poem

- First Place: Talysa Sainz "Inferno" (Utah Freelance Editors)
- Second Place: Frank Decaria "Music of the Spheres" (Blue Quill)
- Third Place: Daniel Reichert "Doctor's Notes" (Salt City Scribes)

Poetry: Rhymed Poetry

- First Place: Debra Birdwell Winkler "Life Is Full of Simple Things" (Romance)
- Second Place: Greg Goodman "Dark Star"
- Third Place: Brandy Woolley Green "In the Woodwork" (Salt City Genre Writers)

Poetry: Sonnet

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay "A Time of Dragons" (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Daniel Reichert "Grandpa's Funeral" (Salt City Scribes)
- Third Place: Rachel Haynes "Bunk Beds" (Salt City Scribes)

Science Fiction & Fantasy

- First Place: Bryan Young "Passing in the Night" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Second Place: Jodi L. Milner "A Gift for Solistara" (Oquirrh Writers)
- Third Place: Inna V. Lyon "Harnessing the Dream" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)

Screenplays & Short Prose Scripts

- First Place: Daniel Reichert "Four Crimes in Lisbon" (Salt City Scribes)
- Second Place: Ellie Jay "Circle of Confusion" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Eugene Hattingh "Escape to Alcatraz" (Unaffiliated)

Spiritual Essays

- First Place: Lora Stead "Face with a Look of Triumph Emoji" (Utah KidLit and Write On St George)
- Second Place: Randy Eggert "It's Hard to Believe Hard Enough" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Thomas I. Wahl "Charlie" (Infinite Monkeys)